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U.S. Broke Vow to Save Russ Spy, Soviet Says

CIA Promised to Send Sub for Convicted Scientific Worker, Moscow Radio Claims

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MOSCOW — Moscow Radio Sunday declared the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency broke a promise to rescue convicted Russian spy Oleg Penkovsky by sending a submarine for him or dressing him up as an American colonel.

Penkovsky, 44-year-old Russian scientific worker, was sentenced to death Saturday for selling rocket secrets to the West. His co-defendant, British businessman Greville Wynne, also 44, was sentenced to eight years detention for espionage by the Soviet Supreme Court.

In a Sunday afternoon "round-table discussion" on international affairs, Moscow Radio listeners heard Yuri Zhukov, a commentator for the Communist Party newspaper Pravda, analyze "some aspects of the Wynne-Penkovsky trial."

Zhukov said the CIA "does not give a hoot about the fate of their agents. All the promises they made to Penkovsky, such as sending a submarine for him or dressing him up as a U.S. colonel, have been broken. The spy is caught and he has been written off the books."

The commentator added:

"This and similar events show the morals of the so-called western world."

He said the Russian state prosecutor at the spy trial correctly compared the U.S. intelligence agency to an octopus with its tentacles enclosing the entire world.

The commentator concluded: "You will find diplomats working as intelligence men and intelligence men serving as diplomats, but their acts everywhere are similar—subversion, murder and blood-letting."

The Soviet defense ministry's newspaper Red Star also began a campaign to warn "easy talkers, boasters and loafers" from showing off their knowledge of military secrets.

The newspaper warned Soviet troops: "Subversive espionage activity has been raised to the level of a state policy in some imperialist countries, and especially the United States."

Meanwhile, Mrs. Sheila Wynne, wife of the convicted British businessman, said she would discuss with a Soviet lawyer Monday the terms of an appeal for clemency which her husband would probably make to the presidium of the Supreme Soviet.